

## Senate Resolution 1599

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 2nd, Brown of the 26th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of providing equal access, equal opportunity, and equal  
2 treatment of African Americans and other minority groups in consideration of state awarded  
3 contracts; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus (GLBC) was established in 1973 to  
5 protect the general welfare of Black people, other people of color, and disadvantaged citizens  
6 of Georgia in matters of health and welfare, education, criminal justice, and employment; and

7 WHEREAS, part of the GLBC's mission is to advance the study of and implement solutions  
8 to the problems of Black people and all people in the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, the GLBC develops remedies for growing social and economic problems that  
10 affect Georgia's citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation spends 2 percent of its annual  
12 contract dollars with African American businesses; and

13 WHEREAS, it is the hope of the GLBC that the Georgia Department of Transportation  
14 would enforce Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act in the administration and participation  
15 of Minority Business Enterprises and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in departmental  
16 programs; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation currently has an aspirational  
18 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Subcontracting Goal of 12 percent; and

19 WHEREAS, the GLBC is working with the department to ensure nondiscrimination in all  
20 of its programs and activities, regardless of whether these programs and activities are  
21 federally funded.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 recognize the importance of minority participation in state awarded contracts for  
24 transportation and commend the work of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus to ensure  
25 equal treatment, access, and opportunity in the awarding of state contracts.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Georgia Department of Transportation  
28 and the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus.